

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 10-18 as follows:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (new) A protective cover (1) for a comforter, comprising:

a bottom face (1A);

a top face (1B);

wherein the bottom face (1A) and the top face (1B) form a flexible, woven fabric envelope as a single-piece envelope including:

a permanently closed edge (2A) which is at least partly closed in a permanent manner; and

three edges (2B, 2C, 2D), including an openable foot edge (2C) and side edges (2B, 2D), which are provided with fast opening and closing means (3, 4, 5A, 5B), with the fast opening and closing means (3, 4, 5A, 5B) including a zipper (3), a flap (4), and triangular pockets (5A, 5B), allowing the two faces (1A, 1B) of the envelope to be partly separated in order for the comforter to be placed on one face (1A) of the faces (1A, 1B) of the envelope, whereupon the comforter is covered by the other face (1B) and the three edges (2B, 2C, 2D) of the faces (1A, 1B) are joined by the fast opening and closing means (3, 4, 5A, 5B);

wherein the top face (1B) of the cover (1) is provided, in two of its corners bordering the openable foot edge (2C) of the top face (1B), with the triangular pocket (5B), with the triangular pocket (5B) forming a flap to contain the corner bordering the openable foot edge (2C) of bottom face (1A) of the cover, and the fast opening and closing means (3, 4, 5A, 5B) providing at least partial closure of the openable foot edge (2C) of the faces (1A, 1B) of the cover (1).

11. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 10, wherein each face (1A, 1B) of the cover (1) is provided on its openable foot edge (2C) of the cover (1) with the flap (4) that can be folded under a mattress to secure the cover (1) and the comforter in place.

12. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 11, wherein the cover (1) is reversible, with each face (1A, 1B) of the cover being provided in its two corners bordering the openable foot edge (2C) of the cover (1) with the triangular pockets (5A, 5B).

13. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 10, wherein each of the triangular pockets (5A, 5B) attached to a respective face (1A, 1B) of the cover (1) is made of the material constituting the other face of the cover (1).

14. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 10, wherein each triangular pocket (5A, 5B) includes a triangular piece attached to a respective face (1A, 1B) of the cover (1), with one of the edges of the triangular piece being attached to the openable foot edge (2C) of the respective face (1A, 1B) of the cover (1), the other edge of the piece being attached to the side edges (2B, 2D) of the face and inserted between the fast opening and closing means (3) and the wall of the face so as not to interfere with the operation of the fast opening and closing means (3).

15. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 10, wherein the permanently closed edge (2A) of the cover (1) includes the head edge of the cover (1)

16. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 10, wherein the side edges (2B, 2D) of the cover (1) connecting the permanently closed edge (2A) and the openable foot edge (2C) of the cover (1) are provided with the zipper (3) concealed by at least one flap overlapping onto the top face of the envelope when the faces (1A, 1B) are in the assembled position.

17. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 10, wherein one of the faces (1A, 1B) of the cover (1) is provided on the inner side, in two of its corners bordering the openable foot edge (2C) of the cover (1), with an additional triangular pocket into which the openable foot edge (2C) of the comforter is inserted.

18. (new) The protective cover (1) for a comforter according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the top face (1B) or the bottom face (1A) of the cover (1) is provided on the inside in a predetermined location with a self-gripping closing device, with the self-gripping closing device being positioned to work with a second closing device positioned on the comforter.